

## **Village of Bloomfield Board of Trustees Meeting of February 26, 2020**

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Dave Conklin, Gail Harrington, Don Bowe, David Poole.  
DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn, Clerk/Treasurer: Donna Wollschleger

**Regular monthly meeting of February 26, 2020** opened at 5:30 with the pledge to the flag.

**Privilege of the floor:** none

**Minutes:** The January minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Mayor's report:**

1. A Stop Ahead sign was placed this week on South Ave. going south by NYSDOT.
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter sales tax was received and was up 2.9% compared to last year
3. Brian received an updated quote for the solar sidewalk flashing signs. They will cost approximately \$7000 for a pair. The Mayor has spoken with Andy Doell and Scott Donnelly from the school. They are considering purchasing a set as well. They will let us know if they can fit it in their budget this year. The Village will be purchasing one set for now.

**Motion was made by Falsone**, seconded by Harrington, to adopt Resolution 2020-004: To participate in a Government Efficiency Study Grant Application with Bloomfield Central School and the Town of East Bloomfield and waived the reading of the Resolution. Discussion was held. Motion adopted: Ayes 5 Nays 0

## **RESOLUTION 2020-004**

### **TO PARTICIPATE IN A GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY STUDY GRANT APPLICATION WITH BLOOMFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF EAST BLOOMFIELD**

WHEREAS, NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo has created ten Regional Economic Development Councils; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Regional Economic Development strategy, a unified funding process (the Consolidated Funding Application) has been developed and made available to distribute grant funds for job creation, community development and investments, government efficiency, infrastructure improvements and regionally significant economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has made funding available for Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Programs to assist applicants in implementing plans to improve local government efficiency and for cost reduction initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Bloomfield, Village of Bloomfield, and Bloomfield Central School District (“Town, Village and District”) are continually seeking avenues for sharing resources and providing cost-effective solutions to students, staff, residents and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Bloomfield has identified numerous building and site deficiencies, including safety and structural concerns, with their current Highway Garage site, which contains shared resources with the Bloomfield Central School District and Village of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomfield Central School District has identified numerous safety concerns, including student/staff/visitor circulation and connections, with the location of their current Transportation facility on the Middle/High School campus; and

WHEREAS, the Town, Village and District has identified an opportunity for a possible Shared Transportation Facility, utilizing the LGE Grant Program as an avenue to further study the matter and determine the most feasible and cost-effective approach to benefit all involved; and

WHEREAS, the Town, Village and District deems it advantageous to join together for the grant submission under the 2020 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA); and

WHEREAS, the Bloomfield Central School District will act as the lead applicant for the application with the Town and Village providing support the effort as co-applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Town, Village and District will each provide financial support for the project in accordance with the match requirements set forth in the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion of Mayor Falsone, seconded by Trustee Harrington, it is

RESOLVED, that the Village of Bloomfield hereby supports the Superintendent of the Bloomfield Central School District to act as the applicant for a 2020 Consolidated Funding Application from the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program administered by the New York State Department of State to study the feasibility of developing a Shared Transportation Facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Bloomfield will act as co-applicant for the 2020 Consolidated Funding Application.

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4. NYCLASS was discussed by the Mayor and Donna for investing some of our money in to earn a higher rate of interest than CNB can offer us. The Board asked us to gather more information on what CD's are paying and how NYCLASS funds are secured.
5. The Mayor discussed that CEO Officer Jim Kier is asking for us to put our codes online by using General Code. The cost will be approximately \$13,000 to get it up and running then a yearly maintenance fee of approximately \$1200 to maintain it. **Bowe made a motion**, seconded by Poole to move forward with General Code. All in favor. Donna will work it into the 2020/2021 budget.

**Clerk/Treasurer report:**

1. The Financial reports for January were submitted for review.
2. **Harrington made a motion**, seconded by Conklin and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented. Abstract #9 (vouchers 278-316 TA-9) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$6,544.73; water fund \$3,194.58; sewer fund \$139,930.49; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and the DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. All in Favor.
3. Donna had a discussion with the Board about the WWTP project funding and the need to set up a fund for the accounting and tracking of expenses. The contractors bid award was for \$245,000. The Village portion of the \$245,000 reimbursable from the state is 25%- \$61,250. The total for Professional Services and Construction Observation-(MRB) is ~~\$40,075~~50,015. The total amount needed to fund the project is ~~\$285,075~~295,015. the following 2 motions were made to set up the fund and fund the project.
  - a. **A motion was made by the Mayor**, seconded by Bowe to set up ~~and Fund fund the~~ HB account for the purpose of the WWTP Disinfection Project for ~~\$285,075~~295,015 and to fund ~~61,250-\$77,265~~ from Sewer Fund Balance and move the cash and expenses previously paid from the sewer fund to the HB fund for record keeping purposes. All in favor.
  - b. **A motion was made by Harrington**, seconded by Conklin to borrow funds as needed until reimbursements are received from NY State. All in favor.

**CEO report:**

1. The monthly report was given and discussions held.
2. The annual report was given and discussions held.

**Public works report:**

**Water:**

1. Brian stated that this quarter we were required to have radiological testing done on our drinking water which would cost approximately \$1500.00. NYSDOT agreed to send in the sample for us and pay the bill as long as we took the samples to the DOH office in Geneva. This has been completed.

**Sewer and WWTP:**

1. Brian reported the UV project is underway. The footers have been poured and the walls should be completed this week. He feels the contractor is doing a great job and is good to work with.
2. The guys have been doing a bunch of interior painting at the WWTP. It is very time consuming but has not been done since 1994.

**Streets and Equipment:**

1. Plowing is ongoing. There were a few breakdowns this month with the plow equipment but Brian stated that happens at this point in the season.
2. Brian had one car towed from Pickle Park this month. Contact with the owner was unsuccessful. It had been there over 2 weeks and was hampering snow removal. No one has contacted Brian about the vehicle since it was towed.
3. The DPW department will be getting ready for spring and will be starting to clean the streets as soon as the weather breaks.

**Village Engineer:** none

**Standing committees:** none

**Special Committees:** none

**Joint Comp Plan:** Harrington shared that the Town received the draft back and will be meeting in March to review. They are hoping for a joint Public Hearing in April.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New business:** 2020/2021 budget was distributed for review and is under the 2% tax cap. Donna will put the notice in the paper for the public hearing on the budget for the March meeting.

**Adjournment:** The March meeting will be the fourth Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Falsone motioned, Conklin seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger  
Clerk/Treasurer